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In Re U.S. Patent Application )

Applicant: Seiichiro Abe )

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231


Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 21, 2003, Applicant provisionally elects Group I (Claims 1-9), with traverse. The grounds for traversal are that examination of all of the groups would not place an undue burden on the Examiner. The non-elected claims share several common features with the elected claims, and a search for

the three groups would likely overlap. For this reason, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified Application. Enclosed please find:

(X) Response to Restriction Requirement.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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